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SUBJECT: DOLANC INTERVIEW ON TV LJUBLJANA

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH TV LJUBLJANA DEC 12, LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU SECRETARY DOLANC SET FORTH THREE PRIORITY OBJECTIVES NOW FACING LCY; FIRST, IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CONSTITUTION; SECOND, SOLVING PROBLEMS IN PRODUCTION SECTORS OF YUGOSLAV ECONOMY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC PLANNING; AND THIRD, FULL ENGAGEMENT OF LCY MEMBERS IN GOVERNMENT, SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, TRADE UNION, AND OTHER SOCIAL-POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. IN SOLVING THESE TASKS DOLANC WARNED AGAINST WOULD-BE STALINIST FORCES WHO BELIEVE LCY SHOULD BECOME SIMPLY "THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMIT OF OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM". SUCH A ROLE, HE SAID, WOULD LEAD TO "NEGATION" OF YUGOSLAV SELF-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND WOULD NOT SOLVE LONG-STANDING REAL PROBLEMS. HE THEN BALANCED FOREGOING WITH WARNING AGAINST CHALLENGE TO RIGHTFUL PARTY ROLE FROM LIBERALIST, NATIONALIST, TECHNOCRATIC, ETC. FORCES -- DEVIATIONS, HE SAID, WHICH ALL STEM FROM OBSOLETE POLITICAL CONCEPTS, INCLUDING (NEW TO THIS LITANY) "CLERICAL-FASCIST CONCEPTS". HE WENT ON TO CRITICIZE SOME PARTY MEMBERS FOR AVOIDING TOTAL IDEOLOGICAL COMMITMENT BY FOCUSING ON ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES.

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3. FINALLY, DOLANC ADMITTED THE SERIOUSNESS OF PRESENT ECONOMIC

SITUATION. NOTING DECLINE IN REAL PERSONAL INCOMES, HE CALLED FOR RENEWED EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF ECONOMIC PLANNING IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION AND HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR RECONCILING CONFLICTING ECONOMIC STRUCTURES AMONG THE REPUBLICS AND PROVINCES.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT EVEN THREE MONTHS AGO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE RANKED SO HIGH IN DOLANC'S MIND AS A PRIORITY TASK FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTY MEMBERS. WHILE TAKING PAINS TO STRESS THAT ALL THREE OF HIS OBJECTIVES ARE MUTUALLY INTERDEPENDENT, DOLANC'S STRESS ON PRESENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IS SIGN OF NEW WORRY FACING LCY LEADERSHIP AS 10TH PARTY CONGRESS APPROACHES. LARGELY PREOCCUPIED WITH IDEOLOGICAL, CADRE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES OVER THE PAST YEAR, LCY WILL NOW HAVE TO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, PRODUCTIVITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND ENERGY SHORTAGES. JOHNSON

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